

Fair and warmer tonight
and Sunday.

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COUPLE MURDERED; FULFILLS PROPHECY

Year-Old Baby, Seriously
Wounded, Found Near
Dead Parents.

DISCHARGED MAN NOT TO BE FOUND

Tragedy on Jersey Farm Discov-
ered by Farm Hand and Posse
Hunts Countryside.

WICKATUNK, N. J., May 16.—Shot
to death, William B. Sheppard, his wife
and their servant girl, Jennie Bundy,
aged twenty years, were found on the
Sheppard farm near here this morning,
while beside the still warm bodies of its
parents was their year-old child seriously
wounded.

A farm hand who was dismissed from
the place about a week ago is missing,
and the authorities are endeavoring to
find him.

The tragedy strangely bears out the
prophecy made by fortune teller about
ten days ago, who warned Sheppard
that within a fortnight his family would
be wiped out by an insane murderer.

Bloodhounds Hunt Countryside.
A posse with bloodhounds is looking
for the missing farmhand, while another
man employed around Sheppard's
poultry and truck farm is being de-
tained by the authorities. He told them
of the prediction made by the seer.

GAINES VS. CANNON IN HOUSE SQUABBLE

"Sit Down!" Cries Uncle Joe. "I
Won't!" Replies Tennesseean,
But He Sits.

During an interesting part of the ses-
sion of the House today, John Wesley
Gaines of Tennessee arose in his place
and cried loudly for order.

"The gentleman from Tennessee will
please sit down," thundered the
Speaker.

Mr. Gaines refused to sit down, and
continued to point out in a very loud
voice that he was unable to hear what
was going on in the House. After
pounding his desk several times, the
Speaker said:

"The gentleman from Tennessee is
only adding to the disorder, and will
please sit down."

But Mr. Gaines would not sit down.
He continued to talk more. The
Speaker pounded his desk still further,
and for a third time commanded Mr.
Gaines to be seated.

"The Speaker is himself adding to the
disorder," said Mr. Gaines, now thor-
oughly angry.

"The stenographer will not take down
the remarks of the gentleman from
Tennessee," said the Speaker hotly,
"and the gentleman from Tennessee will
please be seated."

Mr. Gaines then sat down in a very
leisurely manner, just to show that he
could not be brushed off by his feet by
the Speaker, or anybody else.

CUTS WIFE'S THROAT NIGHT OF REUNION

Called Woman to Strange Town,
Intending to Kill Her and
Himself.

PERU, Ind., May 16.—Mrs. James S.
Clear, aged forty, is dying, and her hus-
band, sixty-five, is in jail with his
throat cut, as the result of his attempt
at 2 o'clock this morning to kill his wife
and himself. The couple had been sepa-
rated for several months, and the wife
lived in Indianapolis till last Monday,
when the husband begged her to come
to Peru to live, he having received \$1,400
in back pension.

They arrived here yesterday. Early
last evening he succeeded in taking a
razor from him, after he had taken \$24
of her money. At 3 o'clock this morning
the occupants of the boarding house
where they were staying were aroused
by cries for help, and the woman, in
her night robe, with blood streaming
from her jugular vein, fell into the room
occupied by her landlord and his wife.
Clear, with blood issuing from a gash
in his neck, sat up in bed pleading,
"Honey, come back, and let's both die
together." Clear admits having induced
the woman to come to Peru, hoping he
would succeed in killing her and him-
self.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather conditions are unsettled
in central and eastern districts, with
rain in the widely separated localities.
Cool easterly winds with rain prevail in
the middle and south Atlantic coast
States, and rain has again set in in the
east Gulf States.
For tonight and Sunday generally fair
weather is probable, except in the south
Atlantic and east Gulf States, where
showers are indicated. Important tem-
perature changes are not anticipated.
Steamers departing today for Euro-
pean ports will have light variable
winds and fair weather to the Grand
Banks.

WEATHER BUREAU
9 a. m. 55
12 noon. 58
3 p. m. 61
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SUN TABLE.
Sun rises. 4:46
Sun sets. 7:05
TIDE TABLE.
High water today. 8:30 p. m.
High water tomorrow. 8:40 a. m.; 9:15 p. m.
Low water tomorrow. 2:38 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.

GOVERNORS NAME THEIR COMMITTEE

First Steps for Permanent
Organization Well
Under Way.

FOLK, OF MISSOURI, MAKES PREDICTION

First Convention Will Be Held
Early This Fall in Chicago
or St. Louis.

"One hundred years from now the
organization of the House of Governors
will be looked upon as one of the great-
est factors in the government and de-
velopment of the United States."

This is the view expressed by Gov-
ernor Folk, of Missouri, this morning of
the decisive action taken at the close
of the conference of governors toward
the formation of a permanent organiza-
tion.

With Governor Swanson, of Virginia,
and Governor Willson, of Kentucky,
chosen as members of the executive
committee and empowered to appoint
five others members to serve on the
same committee, the movement to make
a permanent organization of the vari-
ous governors of the United States is
now well under way.

This committee will meet in a short
time and formulate plans for the first
convention, which will be held early in
the fall, either in Chicago or St. Louis.

Will Do Much Good.

The governors who now constitute the
committee were, with Governors Glenn
of North Carolina and Folk of Missouri,
instrumental in bringing about the re-
organization.

"The House of Governors," said Gov-
ernor Folk, "will exert the States of
the Union as they have never been ce-
mented before. The value of the work
that such an organization can do can-
not be overestimated. While the body
will have no legal standing, and will,
therefore, be in no position to dictate
what laws shall or shall not be passed
by the various legislatures, it is never-
theless a fact that recommendations
made by the governors would undoubt-
edly be enacted in law. In this way
many problems which now prove trou-
blesome would be solved. We could
easily deal with uniform divorce laws,
railroad legislation, and such other mat-
ters of interest outside the borders of
any one State.

"There will be no conflict between the
action of the conference in placing the
power in the hands of the President to
call the next meeting of the governors
to discuss the conservation of the natural
resources, and that of the committee
which proposes to call a meeting of the
governors to discuss all matters of
common interest," said Governor Folk,
before he left for home today. "Our
two will work in harmony. Our object
is to cement the work of the proposed
meetings."

Reasons for Organization.

The organization of the governors was
decided upon by Governor Folk and sev-
eral others, because they felt that to
call the State executives together by the
President would prove inadequate. This
was especially true in view of the fact
that the time for such gatherings was
indefinite. It was felt that the confer-
ences which might be called by a Presi-
dent might do well in dealing with such
problems as the conservation of the nat-
ural resources of the country, while an
organization of governors could concern
itself not only with such subjects, but
it could also deal with matters of a
distinctly State character.

The governors were accordingly re-
quested to meet after the White House
pressing regret at Mr. Cleveland's in-
ability to attend the conference, ex-
pressed deep appreciation of their
thoughtfulness. Until the resolution is
formally received, he wished to make
no statement in reply to it.

The former President is now resting
comfortably, but no arrangements have
yet been made for his return to Prince-
ton.

Nebraskans at Dinner.

More than 250 Nebraskans were pres-
ent at a formal reception which the
State Association last night tendered to
Governor George L. Sheldon, William
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NIGHT MANEUVERS ORDERED STOPPED

British Admiralty Takes Heed of
Many Accidents That Have
Occurred Lately

LONDON, May 16.—So many accidents
have resulted recently from night naval
maneuvers that the British admiralty
has ordered them discontinued until
further notice. They will probably not
be resumed until the late disasters have
been investigated, and new rules are
issued on the strength of acts developed
by inquiries.

STREET CAR STRIKE OPENS WITH RIOTS

Unionist Sympathizers Break
Windows and Tear
Up Tracks.

POLICEMAN SHOOT/ TO PROTECT WOMAN

Trouble Begins in Early Morning,
Immediately After Men De-
cide to Quit Work.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 16.—Strike
was declared this morning by the Street
Railway Men's Union, and all the em-
ployees of the Municipal Traction Com-
pany, who formerly had been in the
service of the Cleveland Electric Rail-
way Company, went out.

The employees of the Municipal Traction
Company, who manned the old
2-cent lines previous to the recent
consolidation, in most instances re-
fused to strike, and took out their cars
as usual. These employees were mem-
bers of a separate local of the union,
but their charter was revoked recently.
About 1,600 men are on strike.

The strike was ordered at meetings
of the union last night and early today.
It followed the failure of the company
and its old employees to agree on de-
tails of the arrangements which had
been proposed to settle all disputes. The
employees struck suddenly, as it was
generally expected that the break in
negotiations was trifling, and that an
agreement would be reached.

Cars Are Stopped.

Stoning of street cars began at once.
Union men massed about the Superior
avenue street cars, drove them from
Twenty-fifth street cars as they reached
Superior avenue, and then tore out the
trolley poles. S. H. Austin, a passenger,
was hit, his nose being broken.

Police were ordered to the scene. Pa-
trool wagon loads were hurried to all car
barns where modern street cars were
stored. Cars were run down on sev-
eral lines without trouble. Ten lines, at
least, were unable to send out a car.
The unionized suburban lines carried
passengers only to the city limits,
thence ran in as small cars without pas-
sengers.

The conductor of a Payne avenue car,
the second to leave the barns, was
beaten by a crowd in Hough avenue.
A crowd, said to be strikers, had waited
for the car, and jerked off the trolley.
The conductor was dragged from the
car. A third car proceeded to the
stalled car, and there the crew were
forced to abandon it.

Both Sides Firm.

Superintendent Cook, of the Municipal
Company, and A. L. Behner, vice presi-
dent of the International Street Car
Union, issued statements today. Cook
said that not all the former Cleveland
electric employees had struck, and he
would have 50 per cent of the street
cars running in ten hours. Behner said:
"This strike was caused by President
Dupont, of the Municipal Traction Com-
pany, breaking faith. The executive
committee of the union had no more
sessions than it was authorized to make.
We are in this now to win, and we
are more than confident. The union
recognizes every man who runs a street
car until this strike is over as nonunion,
but we will recognize the rights of the
suburban men who have contracts.
These contracts will be respected."

Early this morning there was trouble
at the Lakeview, Payne avenue, and
Denison barns. Crowds dragged men
who were trying to operate the cars off
the platforms. All the police reserves
were called out and dispersed crowds early
this morning. Men had been seen in
Doan street lines, and by 7:30 both of
these had returned to the barns with
every window smashed.

Shots Are Fired.

Strikers or sympathizers prevented the
starting of cars at the Lakeview barns.
Police and workmen were hit with
stones, and the car windows were broken,
and the cars were forced back into the
barns.

Shots were fired by a policeman dur-
ing an encounter with strikers on cars
on a Doan street car, at 8 a. m. The
sympathizers had thrown bricks through
the windows of the car, and the police-
man fired and captured one man, but the
prisoner escaped while the police were
trying to call a patrol.

A crowd of fifty men began tearing up
tracks on St. Clair avenue. The police
drove them away, and they went to
Fifteenth street, where they laid steel
rails across the tracks.

The employees of the old 3-cent lines
they will make no use of the cars, but
will not run any of the cars, aban-
doned by the former Cleveland Electric
employees. They said the company would
have to run these cars with strike
breakers. Chief of Police Kohler took
command of the situation, and an-
nounced that he would put policemen
on every car the Municipal Traction
Company desires to run.

"The street car company will be given
all the men it wants. That is what the
police are for," he said.

Cause of Strike.

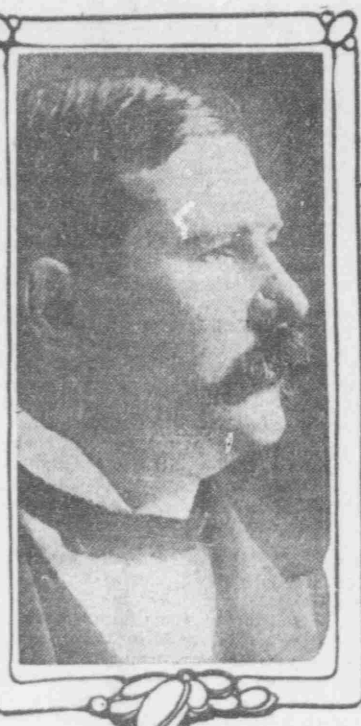
The strike is the result of the refusal
of the Municipal Traction Company to
carry out contracts made by the Clevel-
and Electric Railway with its employes
prior to the consolidation of the Clevel-
and electric and the old 3-cent lines.
This contract provides that, in case the
Cleveland electric secured a franchise
renewal before May 1, 1908, all employes
should get a raise of 2 cents an hour,
and the old 3-cent lines should get a
raise of 1 cent.

The employees claimed that the secu-
rity franchise granted at the time of
the consolidation was a franchise in
dispute with the government, and de-
manded the increase. The Municipal
Traction Company disputed the claim,
but offered an increase of 1 cent an
hour, with free uniforms, employes to
pay their own fares. Arbitration was
proposed by Mayor Johnson, and it was
generally believed that it would be ac-
cepted.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Saturdays and Sundays via the Penn-
sylvania Railroad. Tickets good return-
ing until Sunday night. All regular
trains except "Congressional Limited."
—Adv.

SPEAKERS AT METHODIST GATHERING



SENATOR DOLLIVER, of Iowa.

HOTEL AND THEATER SITE SOLD BY FOX

Magnificent Structure Plan-
ned for H and Thirteenth
Streets Northwest.

The largest real estate deal of the
year was closed today at noon through
the transfer by Edmund K. Fox, of the
A. F. Fox Company, to William F.
Thomas of improved and unimproved
ground fronting 170 feet on the north
side of H street northwest, just west of
Thirteenth street. The deal called for
an aggregate sum of \$15,000.

Coupled with this interesting real es-
tate announcement by Mr. Fox, is one
of general public interest by Mr. Thom-
as. He is associated with a syndicate
of local and New York capitalists and
theatrical men, and they purchased the
property for the purpose of the imme-
diate erection thereof of a modern high-
class hotel and a vaudeville theater, af-
ter the style of the New York Hippo-
drome.

The property transferred includes the
Fredonia Hotel, standing on a lot 53x144
feet; a vacant lot, 25x144 feet, owned by
John Taylor Arms; a three-story dwell-
ing, 1313 H street, owned by S. A. Drury,
and standing on a lot 25x144 feet, and an-
other similar dwelling, 1311 H street,
owned by Edmund K. Fox, on a lot
25x30 feet.

Location of Property.

Omitting the last named property the
ground acquired forms a plot fronting
on H street for 144 feet and having the
same depth. On the west side is a fif-
teen-foot alley, in the rear of a thirty-
foot alley, and on the east side a thirty-
foot alley to the rear of the property,
1311 H street.

The land faces not only on H street,
but upon the broad plaza formed by the
intersection of New York avenue and
Thirteenth street, affording ample room
for carriage approaches to the proposed
theater and hotel.

Mr. Thomas, who has had a long ex-
perience in Washington, New York, and
Philadelphia in connection with theater
and other amusement enterprises, says
that his syndicate intends the imme-
diate erection of a nine or ten-story
hotel on the site now occupied by the
Fredonia Hotel, which is a five-story
structure built at a cost of \$75,000 nine-
teen years ago. The plans contemplate
a three-story modern hotel structure
with a bath to each room or suite. In
the basement will be a modern rath-
skeller much larger than any consid-
ered for Washington before.

The theater will occupy the remainder
of the property, and be a large building
of colonial design, for which plans have
already been drawn by a New York
architect. It is to be copied after the
New York Hippodrome, and will seat
2,000 persons. The plan of the projectors
is to make it a high-class vaude-
ville house at popular prices. Under
the theater is to be a large roller-skat-
ing rink.

Facilities for Actors.

The construction is to be of re-enforced
concrete, and especial attention is to
be devoted to making the facilities for
the players of the best. The cramped
dressing room will have no place here,
but ample and light rooms with hot
and cold water, and plenty of bath rooms
are planned.

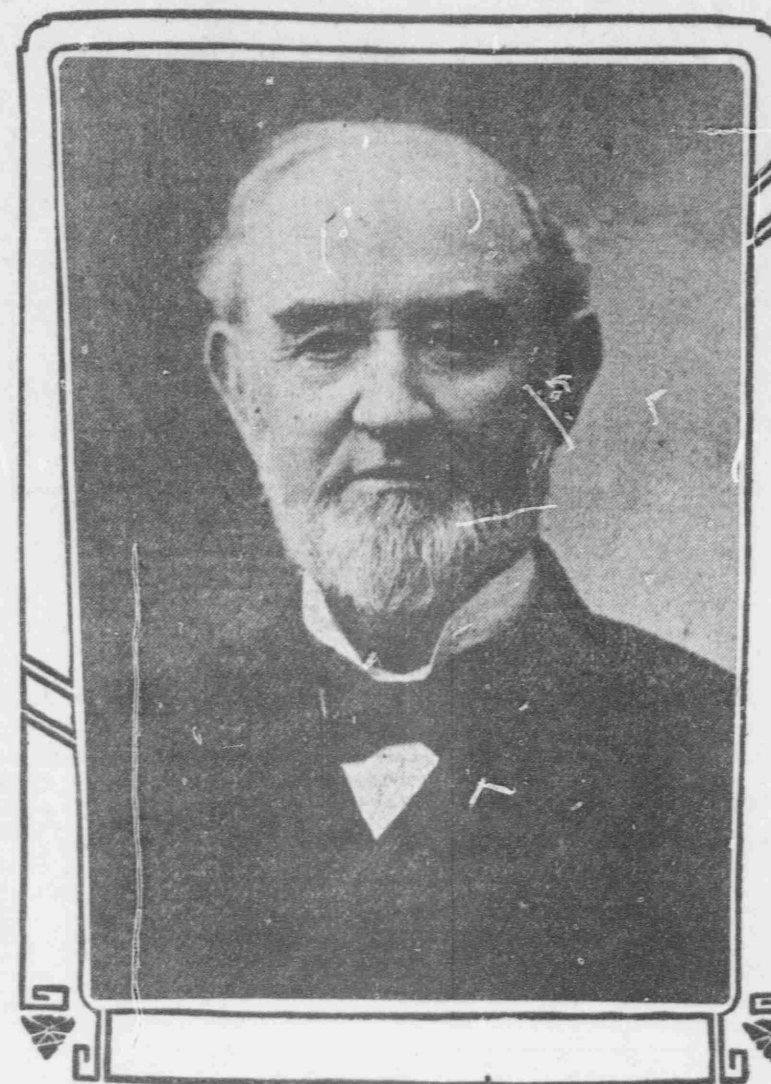
The heating of the theater will also
be on modern lines. Under each seat
will be a register through which hot
air will be forced by fans from the heat-
ing plant. The east alley, which comes
up to the rear of 1311 H street will be
used for the engines and boilers, per-
mission for this having been granted by
the building inspector, thus removing
all danger from fire from this cause.
The building itself will be thoroughly
fireproof.

Mr. Thomas leaves tonight for New
York to consummate the plans for the
enterprises with his colleagues.

NINE PASSENGERS KILLED IN WRECK

Possible That More Bodies
Will Be Found in
Debris.

HAMILTON, Ontario, May 16.—A west-
bound train on the Grand Trunk rail-
way was wrecked at Dustin this morn-
ing. Nine persons are known to be dead
and it is thought more are in the wreck.
More than twenty-five persons were
injured, some of them seriously.



Bishop Cranston, One of the Most Interesting Figures at the Methodist
Meeting.

DISTRICT DEFENDS FERNALD, CHARGED

Brennan Attorney Dislikes
Question Relating to
\$300 Note.

That the Corporation Counsel of the
District is appearing more in the role
of defender of Charles Fernald, former
Assistant Engineer of Highways, than
as an assistant to the Commissioners in
probing the charges of favoritism, was
the allegation made by Attorney Charles
A. Douglas, appearing for P. J. Bren-
nan, at the hearing before the Commis-
sioners today.

Corporation Counsel Thomas, in ques-
tioning Edward Markham, Assistant
Engineer Commissioner, referred to the
loan of \$300 by Brennan to Fernald and
asked what excuse was given by Bren-
nan for the loan.

Mr. Douglas immediately arose with
the statement that his client is not
appearing in the light of a defendant,
but as the one preferring the charges
now under investigation.

"I do not like the attitude this in-
vestigation is assuming," he said, "in-
stead of inquiring into the charges of
favoritism, the case is developing into
a defense of Fernald and the prosecu-
tion of Brennan."

"It would like to have made known
the attitude of the Commissioners,"
Commissioner Macfarland assured Mr.
Douglas that his desire is to arrive at
all the facts, in order that justice may
be meted to all.

"It is the Commissioners' endeavor
to conduct the investigation along these
lines," said Mr. Macfarland.

In reference to the note in question
Captain Markham said later in his tes-
timony that when called to Fernald's
attention, he frankly acknowledged re-
ceiving the loan on Brennan.

Markham on Stand.

In resuming his cross-examination of
Capt. Edwin Markham, assistant en-
gineer commissioner, Attorney Douglas
addressed himself to the award of a
contract involving, approximately,
\$13,000, which was given to the Cranford
Paving Company, and which was pro-
tested by the R. J. Beall Construction
Company.

It was brought out by Captain Mark-
ham's testimony that the bids were
opened in an informal manner, and not
in the presence of the bidders, and at
the same time, Fernald, it was said,
declined to open the bids at 12 o'clock,
giving as an excuse that all the bids
were not in, and that he was too busy
at that time to attend to the matter.

He Met Cranford.

Subsequently Fernald left the office,
and it was said, met Joseph Cranford,
of the Cranford Paving Company, in
the office of Robert Farnham, engineer
of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
informing him that his bid for the work
in question was not in. Cranford, it was
testified, said that he had forgotten it.
At 4:30 in the afternoon submitted a
proposal of \$13,615, five dollars less than
the bid of the Beall Construction Com-
pany.

R. J. Beall entered a protest to the
award, which was confirmed by the
Commissioners, and he revoked, fol-
lowing an opinion of the Comptroller of
the Treasury, who decided that such
proposals should be advertised. This
procedure was followed, and the Bren-
nan Construction Company was the suc-
cessful bidder in the second instance.

Was Not Suspicious.

Asked by Mr. Douglas whether he did
not consider as suspicious the fact that
after an interview with Mr. Fernald
Cranford submitted a bid 56 less than
that of the lowest bidder, up to the time
of his submitting a bid, Captain Mark-
ham said he did not so regard it, but

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LAST OF DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN TODAY

Indicate Easy Sailing
for Taft.

The last delegates to the Republican
national convention are being chosen to-
day.

They will be selected by the Tenth
Ohio, Thirty-seventh New York, and
Sixth Texas districts.

The last state convention on the list
was held yesterday in Texas. In-
cidental, it instructed the delegation-at-
large to vote for Secretary Taft. Man-
ager Frank H. Hitchcock received a
telegram from Chairman Cecil Lyon this
morning, which ended all uncertainty
on this point. Earlier reports indicated
that the convention did not actually in-
struct.

It is not yet announced how soon the
Taft headquarters in this city and Co-
lumbus will be moved to Chicago, but
this will take place before long. The
national committee is to meet in St.
Louis about June 2, to take up the con-
test cases.

Secretary Taft will be home Monday
or, at the latest, Tuesday. He will spend
most of the next month at his desk at
the War Department. With the Chi-
cago delegates all chosen and the nomi-
nation apparently pretty certain to be
made on first ballot, the Secretary will
devote himself to clearing up his desk,
getting ready to resign as soon as he
is nominated. Then he will plunge into
the campaign, and do some brand-new
globe-trotting stunts; confining himself
on this trip to the section of the globe
where folks vote for electors of Presi-
dent and Vice President.

In the wind-up of the campaign the
Taft people carried about everything
uncertain. The handwagon influence
was apparent everywhere. California
proves, on full reports, to have lined up
for the "Chilean." Georgia did not
decide, but the delegation has a com-
fortable majority for Taft—that is, the
delegation named by the Administration
wing of the party, which expects to be
found "regular."

Field of Service Widens.

"Such was your work in the past; and
your work in the present is as great;
for the need and opportunity for ser-
vice widen as the field of national in-
terests widens. It is not true in this
country that the people are poor and
poor; but it is true that in many sections,
and particularly in our large cities, the
rich have grown so very much richer
as to widen the gulf between the rich
and the very large masses and the man
who makes a day's livelihood by that
day's work, and those who with sin-
cerity and efficiency, and deep con-
viction, band together for mutual help,
are those who can do most to keep the
gulf from becoming too wide. True re-
ligion, through church organizations,
through philanthropic organizations, in
the field of kindred endeavor, can
manifest itself as effectively in the
crowded and complex life of today as
in the peaceful and quiet life of the
past."

Doubtful States in West Hinge on Forest Policy

There is a new group of doubtful
States, according to the most recent
computations of the political statisti-
cians. They base the classification on
recent studies of conditions west of the
Missouri valley—in the mountain and
Pacific West.

It is conceded that these States will
be Republican in the main at least, if
President Roosevelt is nominated, and
yet it is at the same time admitted that
the possibility of their going Demo-
cratic, in case anybody else runs, lies
in the violent opposition to a policy
which is strictly the President's own.

In Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Mon-
tana, Colorado, Utah and California,
there has for a long time been bitter
antagonism to the forest policy of the
Government. However good a thing it
is for the whole country, to have one-
third of the area of a big State with-
drawn from settlement and set aside as
forest reserves, it certainly doesn't
please the people of a new State, which
wants immigration and growth, to have
such a great part of its potential wealth,
withdrawn from development.

It has been repeatedly charged on the
floors of House and Senate that Idaho
and Montana especially, and the other
States mentioned to only a less degree,
have had their development stunted and
greatly impaired by the forest reserve
policy. So much has this affected the
people of those States that it is de-
clared very doubtful whether any other
man than Roosevelt could carry either

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LAST EDITION

PRICE ONE CENT.

MOTHERHOOD LAID BY THE PRESIDENT

Roosevelt in Speech to Meth-
odists Condemning Wo-
man Who Shuns Duties.

NATION NEGLECTS SPIRITUAL SIDE

Material Wealth Not Measure of
Greatness—Conference Delegates
Guests of University.

In clear language, which would per-
mit of no misunderstanding, and which
was strikingly frank in its delivery,
President Roosevelt, in an address to
the delegates to the General Conference
of the Methodist Episcopal Church, re-
vived his doctrine of anti-race-suicide
and declared that "We must condemn
the woman who refuses to do aright her
great and all-essential duties of wife-
hood and motherhood." One thousand
prominent Methodists, delegates to the
conference just closed in Baltimore, lis-
ened to the President's speech. They
came to Washington in two special
trains as the guests of the officers of the
American University.

The